

CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL-CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLYCOUNTRY YugoslaviaREPORT NO. 25X1ATOPIC Military Information from Laurana, Bisterza, Fiume and Sussak25X1AEVALUATION E-3 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1ADATE OF CONTENT 1947 to mid-June 1950DATE OBTAINED 25X1A DATE PREPARED 5 February 1951REFERENCES 25X1APAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 25X1AREMARKS RETURN TO CIA
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1. Prior to October 1947, an AT artillery unit equipped with German 75-mm AT guns was quartered in the barracks installation of Laurana (13 B/J 23). The unit had come to Laurana from Pisino (13 B/J 92) in May 1947. When in Pisino, the AT artillery unit was subordinate to the so-called Udanitschki Artilleria Divisia 26, which was inspected regularly by officers of the 14 Fourth Army in Ljubljana (Y 2/D 41). *
2. The barracks installation in Laurana had been built by the Italians on terraces above the town. Its prominent features were the high yellow brick wall surrounding the installation and the red tile roofs of the buildings. The installation contained three four-story main buildings, each about 150x25 meters, and some garages and stables.

Bisterza (Villa des Nevoso)

3. According to other employees, the Udanitschki Artilleria Divisia 26 had moved from Pisino to Bisterza (13 B/J 16) in the fall of 1949, where it was still located at the beginning of June 1950. Divisia 26 had a total strength of about 300 troops, wearing black service color, and was commanded by a colonel. Its components in early 1947 included two batteries, each with four German 105-mm guns pulled by prime movers; one battalion with about 20 Soviet guns of about 76 mm, drawn by horses; and one motorized AT artillery unit with four German 75-mm AT guns and German command cars. *

Fiume

4. Until the beginning of June 1950, an infantry unit of about 1,000 men was quartered in the barracks installation about 300 meters west of the so-called high building of Fiume (13 B/J 33). The troops wore red service color. The installation, which was generally called Infantry Barracks, is a multi-story Italian-built structure built around a large courtyard.

Sussak

5. In early June 1950, a barracks installation, covering an area of 200x15 meters and surrounded by a mesh-wire fence, was observed to be located on the slope of a

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hill northeast of Sussak (13 E/J 13). A serpentine road led to the installation from the town. Near the last curve in the road, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ km west of the installation, was an old church visited by pilgrims. Troops observed at the installation wore red collar patches. They included a military band.

25X1A * Comment. An Artilleria Divisia is a battalion rather than a division. According to the reported strength and organization it may be an AF artillery unit. Compare with a report of February 1943. See The Hq Fourth Army was located in Ljubljana at the time stated in the report.

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